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NEW PATENT APPLICATIONINTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING PODS FOR PRODUCTS FOR INFUSION

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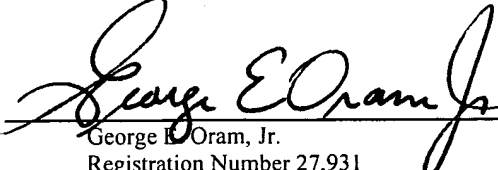
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, PTO/SB/08a, and International Search Report.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Applicant herein qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, and acknowledgement of this status by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested.
21. ☒ Other items or information: Drawings (Figs. 1-5; 4 sheets), PCT/RO/101 (copy), PCT/IB/301 (copy), PCT/IB/304 (copy), PCT/IB/308 (copy), PCT/ISA/237 (copy), WO 2005/012099 A1 (copy)

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| U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER (IF KNOWN, SEE 77 C.F.R. 1.53) 10/15667 17 NEW PATENT APPLICATION | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER PCT/IB2004/002502 | | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 023349-00314 | |
| The following fees are submitted | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee | | \$300.00 | | \$ 300.00 | |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) | | \$100.00 All other situations \$200.00 | | \$ 200.00 | |
| 24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the International Application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority | | \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400.00 All other situations \$500.00 | | \$ 400.00 | |
| TOTAL OF CALCULATIONS FOR 21, 22 AND 23 | | | | \$ 900.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)]. | | | | \$ | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | |
| Total Claims | 35 - 20 = | 15 | X \$ 50.00 | \$ 750.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 = | 0 | X \$200.00 | \$.00 | |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | \$ 360.00 | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 2,010.00 | |
| Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ 2,010.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)]. | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ 2,010.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | \$ 40.00 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ 2,050.00 | |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check #439992 in the amount of \$2,050.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account Number 01-2300 in the amount of \$.00 to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 023349-00314. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer Number 004372 ARENT FOX PLLC 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036-5339 Telephone: 202-857-6000 Fax: 202-638-4810 GEO:vmh | | | | | |


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